

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3 and 5-8 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows.

1. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An electron beam emitting apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein at least part of said potential defining region is comprised of an electroconductive plate placed between said first plate and said electrode comprising a first plate on which an electron-emitting device is disposed, an electrode opposed to a surface of said first plate on which said electron-emitting device is disposed, and an electroconductive plate of which potential is defined disposed separately from said electrode by a distance d between said first plate and said electrode, wherein said electrode is provided with a potential for accelerating an electron emitted from said electron-emitting device, and wherein said electroconductive plate covers a projection area of said electrode onto said electroconductive plate and an area extended from a distance of 0.83d from an outer periphery of the projection area outwardly, in any direction in parallel with said first plate.~~

5. - 8. (Canceled)